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Patent

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In re the Application of:

Chris C. Miller

Serial No.: 09/762,152

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
TREATMENT OF RESPIRATORY
INFECTIONS BY NITRIC OXIDE
INHALATION

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) Group Art Unit: 1616

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the items identified in the attached Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") form PTO-1449 are brought to the attention of the Office. The items are listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies are enclosed for the Examiner's review and consideration in connection with the present application.

By way of additional disclosure, the owner of the present application (Pulmonox Medical Inc.) advises that it is currently engaged in a litigation against several other parties (including

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INO Therapeutics, Inc. and AGA AG) in a case involving nitric oxide gas. The case is captioned, INO Therapeutics, Inc et al. v. SensorMedics Corporation et al., Civil Action No. 00-6033 (AET) and is pending before the United States District Court of New Jersey. In this litigation, INO Therapeutics and AGA AG have asserted that two patents relating to nitric oxide gas and its delivery and use, U.S. Patent Nos. 5,485,827 and 5,873,359, “would likely be infringed” by activities relating to the treatment of “respiratory infections (such as TB and ventilator-acquired pneumonia (VAP))” using “inhaled nitric oxide gas.” See, page 4 of Counterdefendants’ First Amended Response to Counterclaimants’ Second Set of Interrogatories Relating to Counterclaims (Nos. 19-38) (included with the present IDS submission). Therefore, in the abundance of caution, Applicant submits these two patents herewith, as well as other patents issued to Dr. Warren Zapol (one of the co-inventors of the above two patents) relating to nitric oxide. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner review and consider these patents, as well as the other materials submitted herewith, in connection with the present application.

Additionally, Applicant submits for the Examiner’s review and consideration two references by Dr. Richard Long et al that describe work related to the subject matter of the present application. Also submitted is a letter from the inventor of the present invention (Chris Miller) to Dr. Long.

The items identified in this IDS may or may not be “material” pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. The submission thereof by Applicant is not to be construed as an admission that any such patent, publication or other information referred to therein is material or considered to be material (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h)), or even qualifies as “prior art” under 35 U.S.C. § 102 with respect to this invention.

The IDS submitted herewith is being filed after under 37 CFR § 1.97(c), i.e., after the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(b), and is accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$180.00 and any fees required by the filing of these papers to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. **50-1597**.

Respectfully submitted,

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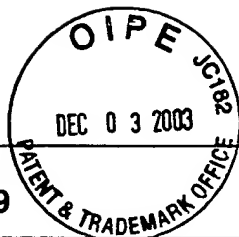
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	5,885,621	3/23/1999	Head et al.	424/718	4/4/1997
	5,873,359	2/23/1999	Zapol et al.	128/203.12	12/9/1994
	5,823,180	10/20/1998	Zapol	128/200.24	1/7/1997
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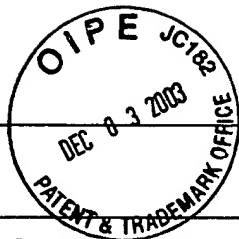
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	Long R., et al., "Treatment of Sputum-Smear Positive Pulmonary Tuberculosis With Inhaled Nitric Oxide," 2001-Abstract Form to the ATS 2001 San Francisco, - May 18-23, 2001 (faxed Mar. 27, 2001)

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	Counterdefendants' First Amended Response to Counterclaimants' Second Set of Interrogatories Relating to Counterclaims (Nos. 19-38) (Oct. 22, 2003); submitted in the case of INO Therapeutics, Inc. et al. v. SensorMedics Corporation et al, Civil Action No. 00-6033 (AET) in the United States District of New Jersey
	Pulmonox Medical Corporation Letter to Dr. Richard Long, dated Nov. 22, 1998

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